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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Cas Stulberger

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01 September 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. Claims 2-4, 13-14, 18, and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
2. The term "approximately" in claims 2-4, 13-14, 18, and 25 is a relative term which renders the claim indefinite. The term "approximately" is not defined by the claim, the specification does not provide a standard for ascertaining the requisite degree, and one of ordinary skill in the art would not be reasonably apprised of the scope of the invention. The temperatures of "approximately 60 degrees C," "approximately 40-90 degrees C," and the time "approximately 1 hour" are indefinite.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1, 5-12, 15-17, 19-24, and 26, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,858,500 to MacPherson.
5. In regards to claims 1, 5-6, 10-12, 15-17, 21-24, and 26, MacPherson discloses "a tamper respondent enclosure comprising the steps of: "providing a sheet of flexible material incorporating tamper respondent means; folding the sheet and overlapping the edges thereof to

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define an inner enclose” (MacPherson: column 2, lines 18-24). This meets the limitation of “providing an electronic assembly, enclosing the assembly in a tamper respondent wrap, such that the wrap forms fold lines at a first and second end of the assembly, placing the enclosed assembly in a fixture, wherein the fixture comprises a base upon which the assembly rests, a first stationary arm mounted on the base holding the fold lines at the first end of the assembly, a second arm slidably mounted on the base, and a traversing mechanism to bias the second arm toward the fold lines at the second end of the assembly.”

6. In regards to claims 7 and 19, MacPherson discloses a laser and pierce respondent layer (MacPherson: column 3, lines 24-58). This meets the limitation of “at least on pierce and laser respondent layer.” MacPherson also discloses a delamination respondent layer (MacPherson: column 3, lines 7-21). This meets the limitation of “a delamination respondent layer.” MacPherson also discloses an adhesive (MacPherson: column 5, lines 30-51). This meets the limitation of “an adhesive between the pierce and laser respondent layer and the delamination respondent layer.”

7. In regards to claim 8, MacPherson discloses a plurality of ink lines (Macpherson: column 4, lines 51-67; column 5, lines 8-29)

8. In regard to claims 9 and 20, MacPherson discloses an encryption module (MacPherson: column 4, lines 24-38). This meets the limitation of an encryption module.

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Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U.K Patent Application GB 2,292, 709 A to MacPherson

U.S. Patent No. 5,539,379 to MacPherson

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cas Stulberger whose telephone number is (703) 305-8034. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 9:00A.M. - 5:00P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on (703) 305-1830. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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